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## Best of the Anarchist Tubes

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# Greek Sex Shops, Keystone Cops, Political Prisoners Don't Stop

and so much more

## Too Many Cops Get in Their Own Way

From Pittsburgh City Paper - by Marty Levine

Usually, police states run a bit more smoothly than this.

During Pittsburgh's G-20 summit in September, 3,000 police officers came from departments all over the country to help provide security. Activists denounced the police presence as overkill, but the tactics may actually be backfiring on law enforcement. The sheer number of police officers--and the difficulty they had identifying each other--is preventing local prosecutors from getting convictions against summit arrestees.

Three people facing felony aggravated assault charges--among the most serious charges filed against protesters--had those charges dismissed on Oct. 28. The Allegheny County District Attorney's office, it turned out, couldn't determine which police officers were involved in the circumstances leading to the arrests.

For instance, Pittsburgh police detective Brian Nicholas arrested Joshua Berman on Sept. 24 for allegedly tossing a "cylinder-like object" and striking another officer in Oakland around 10 p.m. But at a preliminary hearing, Berman's defense attorney pointed out that assault charges require a specific victim. Assistant district attorney Geoffrey Melada responded by telling magisterial District Judge Kevin Cooper, "I don't think the burden [on the prosecution] is to give you his name, his favorite pet, where he likes to vacation."

"We had to expect when we came into the G-20 that this scenario would unfold, with thousands of officers from all over the country," Melada argued.

Could prosecutors find the officer if this case were held for trial in Common Pleas Court? Cooper asked.

"I can't represent that we will have

more information" in the future, Melada said.

Cooper dismissed the assault charge, though Berman still faces trial on a handful of lesser charges, including disorderly conduct. ...

The prosecution was essentially forced to dismiss another assault case entirely. Cornell student Malcolm Sanborn-Hum was arrested on Enfield Street at Baum during the anarchists' march on Sept. 24; Sanborn-Hum had objected while a fellow protester was snatched by police in fatigues and shoved into an unmarked sedan. Besides aggravated assault charges, Sanborn-Hum had faced the misdemeanor charge of failure to disperse.

But when it came time to prosecute him, the district attorney's office couldn't identify the arresting officers -- or even the agencies they worked for.

"We can't substantiate who these officers are," Melada said. "They're not Pittsburgh police, they're not county sheriffs ..."

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<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10038>

## Probation Office Attacked in Brighton

From Indymedia UK

02.11.2009:

"probation office attacked in Brighton with stones and paint.

last night we smashed the windows of the probation office on dyke road in Brighton. this out of solidarity with prisoners everywhere, in every single prison, whether this means being locked up behind bars or being a prisoner in this society of coercion and control which tries to force us into being nothing but slaves to the capitalist system. we are fucking disgusted by this society and its delegates

such as the pigs, the screws, the bosses etc. we have smashed these windows and we will do it again.

we will not be satisfied until there is nothing left of this prisonworld but its ashes, until every prisoner of this society is free.

DESTROY ALL PRISONS.

VIVA L' ANARCHIA.

03.11.2009:

"We take responsibility for attacking the Brighton HQ of the Royal Bank of Scotland in the evening of 2nd November 2009.

All banks are part of the same system which is destroying everything and has to go. Banks are the most visible manifestation of the exploitation and annihilation of our lives, carried out by state and capital.

We haven't forgotten the role of RBS in the financial crisis and the April G20 where Ian Tomlinson was killed by police, nor do we forgive.

We dedicate this action to Yianis Dimitrakis, Amadeu Casellas, Thomas Meyer-Falk, Alfredo M. Bonanno and Christos Stratigopoulos, anarchist comrades in prison for expropriations who chose to directly attack this system, as well as all other rebels who are in struggle inside and outside the prison walls.

We will not stop.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10013>

## It's Easy to Attack

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WE'VE LOST OUR FEAR! About the actions leading up to the First of May in Barcelona.

Today it is perhaps more difficult than ever to achieve a struggle that bears the fruits we want. And, despite it all, the struggle is the only path, a path we have wanted to make visible by pointing out, though timidly and weakly, some of those

responsible for this misery that we've been suffering for centuries.

We are the generation of the defeat. "There's nothing that can be done," say some, "The revolution is not possible, it's better to try to be happy," others tell us. Facing the reality of constant crisis, we have realized the necessity to organize ourselves and attack. Because even though it may be very difficult to see a possible exit we know that only by upsetting the existing social imperatives can we come to imagine new relations and new possibilities.

It is, therefore, with the will to carry this struggle forward to its final consequences—the abolition of exploitation and of the State that perpetuates it—that a way out can appear on the horizon, distinct and opposed to the only exit that capitalism is capable of offering. A society without classes or more capitalism. Freedom or the destruction of the planet. These are the options, and we will continue to choose the former.

We know that sabotage against the structures of capitalism and the State in and of itself will not provide the answers for how to achieve our objectives but it will reveal the questions that give these structures shape.

Should the social struggles respect the laws, taking into account that they are made against us? Will the people in power voluntarily stop suppressing us because we're such a great majority?

Friday 24 (April): 400 cash machines throughout Barcelona are put out of commission.

Monday 27: 8 cash machines and two police cars had their locks glued in the municipality of Sant Martí. Attack with paintbombs and stones against the ETT Addecco in Sarrià – Sant Gervasi.

Wednesday 29: Paintbombs are thrown at the real estate office Tecnocasa at 3 in the afternoon in the neighborhood Clot - Camp de l'Arpa. Paintbombs, fireworks, and hammers are used against ETT Manpower (temp agency), la Caixa (a bank), and the office of Social Security in the neighborhood of Gràcia.

Thursday 30: 16 supermarkets have their locks glued in the neighborhood of Sants.

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Much more on Spain past & present  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10060>

## Dear Straight Anarchists. WTF?

On September 24th some of the most militant politicized street protests the States have seen in nearly a decade countered the G20 summit in Pittsburgh. Anarchist Queers and Trannies were on the frontlines of this struggle; bringing the numbers, the flare, and the wrecking crews. Radical Queers fought police and did everything they could, with what they had, not to back down. A days worth of tear gas, rubber bullet attacks, and fending off straight-idiot-liberals, set the tone for what would be a night of ravenous Queer revenge. A single march of 200+ Queers, Trannies, Womyn, POC, and some allies bashed the fuck back; causing the most property destruction contained to a single neighborhood in Pittsburgh during the protests. So other Anarchists, why the fuck are you ignoring us?

What Happened in Oakland on Thursday Night?

A week prior to the G20 protests Bash Back! Pittsburgh called for a Queer Cabaret to be followed by a march through Oakland. Oakland has long been a neighborhood unfriendly to anyone not fitting into the straight-white-male category. By 10pm on the 24th nearly 200 people gathered outside of the Queer Cabaret. The mood was set. There were no illusions. Everyone knew what was about to happen. It seemed that people were unified in their goal to terrorize straighty. Windows were smashed, dumpsters flipped and ignited, a frat boy homophobe and his friends were dealt with properly, and the vast majority of participants left feeling empowered and energized.

However, despite the fact that this march was called for by a local radical queer/trans group, took place immediately following a Queer Cabaret, was executed largely by radical Trans/Queer people and was lead by a banner reading, "Bash Back!"; most of the reportbacks describing the march include NONE of these important details. In all fairness Crimethink did state that the march had been, "Bash Back!" themed. Whatever that means. In the documentary, "Democracy 101: Pittsburgh G20 Protests and the Police Occupation of Pitt University," produced by Pittsburgh Indymedia, Chicago Indymedia, Twin Cities Indymedia, and the Glassbead Collective footage of the Radical Queer

black bloc was preceded by the sentence, "The protestors dispersed in the late afternoon, but they reconvened later in the evening." This makes it seem as if the Radical Queer black bloc later in the night was merely an extension of the People's Uprising March that took place across town earlier in the day. It was not. We found it even more frustrating that not even a brief mention of the radical Queer/Trans organization that went into the march was included in the documentary. A person from Pittsburgh even went as far as to say that the march was not queer. Does this mean that in order for militant actions to be recognized by the broader Anarchist community as Queer all of the participants have to be laced in sequins and throwing glitter?

This is not an isolated incident!

Radical Queers made up a large number of people putting hours of work into creating a militant showdown at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul. People with Bash Back! held multiple consultas in the Midwest and on the East Coast to carve out a radical Queer space in countering the Convention. Bash Back! sent queers to Minneapolis well over a month before the Convention to help with the organizing effort. However, in spokescouncils and personal conversations the Bash Back! action was more often than not labeled as one of the "fluffy" actions, while actions with similar tones were never labeled soft or fluffy. "Terrorizing Dissent," a documentary created by Twin Cities Indymedia about the RNC completely ignored the Bash Back! action, the first publicly announced blockade in the lead up to the RNC. Footage of the radical Queer blockade never made the final cut. In fact, the action was not discussed or even referenced. However, footage of the Funk the War bloc, a roving dance party called for by Students for a Democratic Society was featured in a nauseatingly long segment. Let us remind you that Radical Queers put over a year into organizing our event and Bash Back! is the ONLY national network that has maintained itself since the failure of the RNC protests.

More at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10052>

## Belgium: Two Comrades Arrested

from Non-Fides.fr

In the night of the 6th of October, Jürgen Goethals didn't come home. He

was picked off the streets by cops, put in front of a prosecutor and locked up in the prison of Ghent.

Earlier that day, a gang of fascists were hosted once more by the tolerant city of Ghent. Something, which, was apparently not appreciated by everyone. In several places, people expressed their discord by causing damage to symbols of this capitalist society. We found out later that Jürgen is alleged of having participated in these protest actions.

The following days, several people are harassed by cops. A week and a half later, a house search takes place at the house of Paolo Melis. He is requested to report two days later at the police station for an interrogation. On this day, the 21st of October, he is arrested in the afternoon on his way home. He as well, disappears behind the bars of the Nieuwe Wandeling.

On the 9th of November, the detention of Jürgen and Paolo was confirmed. The file was sent to the correctional court; they will appear before the judge within two weeks.

We will not rest until we can embrace our comrades, how and when we want to. Jürgen and Paolo free!

More, including support info at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10059>

### **Support Anarchist Grand Jury Resisters Scott and Carrie**

Today, Minneapolis-based activists Carrie Feldman and Scott DeMuth refused to testify in front of a grand jury in Davenport, Iowa, and were found to be in contempt of court. They were immediately handcuffed and hauled off by U.S. Marshalls. According to District Judge John Jarvey, who presided over the contempt hearings, both will remain incarcerated until they agree to testify. The state can lock them up for the duration of the grand jury--another 11 months.

For reasons all too familiar and valid to anyone who has followed the escalation of Green Scare repression, both Carrie and Scott refused to cooperate with the grand jury by providing information about themselves and their comrades. We stand in solidarity with them for refusing to be complicit in their own persecution. We will stand with them every day until they are free.

While the law does not compel the

U.S. Attorney's Office to disclose the subject of the grand jury investigation, supporters believe that it is likely related to an unsolved Animal Liberation Front action in 2004 at the University of Iowa. At the time, Carrie was only 15 years old and Scott was only 17 years old; both were residents of the Twin Cities.

However, both have more recently been involved in supporting political prisoners, specifically those incarcerated as a result of the government's targeting of animal-rights and environmental activists. Carrie, Scott, and their communities feel that this support work has now made them targets as well.

Much more at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10106>  
and updated support info at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10109>

### **Athens in Siege: Police HQ Attacked, Hundreds Detained**

From Libcom - by taxikipali

21:30 17 November 2009 At the time of writing all central Athens is off-bounds and cordoned off by thousands of police forces as battles between protesters and police are developing after the end of the 36th anniversary march for the Polytechnic 1973 uprising and massacre.

It was perhaps the most massive protest march commemorating the Polytechnic Uprising in the last 25 years. And despite guarantees from the government the presence of the police in the city of Athens was massive and provocative to the extent that the official organising bodies of the march refused to start their long way via the Parliament to the American Embassy (believed to be behind the 7 year fascist junta) if riot police forces did not withdraw. After 16:00 policemen arrested a young man claimed to be in possession of a molotov cocktail, while during the hours preceding the march a dozen of protesters en route to the Polytechnic were detained for carrying gas masks. Police blockades have sealed off large areas of the Athens centre and are all day conducting mass stop and search operations even in the remotest northern and western suburbs of the city.

The march started moving at 16:30, shortly stopped at Syntagma square to commemorate the police assassination of two protesters in the Polytechnic march

of 1980, while with some tension built up uproad, at the junction of the Athens Hilton, at 18:15 when riot cops threw a tear gas in the midst of the march attempting to break away the anarchist block. The tension was quickly diffused. The first block of the march reached the American Embassy at around 18:00, where hundreds of riot policemen stood in line guarding the building. After the traditional long stop, the march started dispersing in large blocks. At that time, the anarchist block numbering between 2,500 and 4,000 people (still the numbers are unverified) decided to return to Exarcheia via Alexandras Avenue where the Athens Police Headquarters Tower and the Supreme Court are lined. Upon reaching the Police HQs, the big anarchist block was cut in two by riot police forces, leading the protesters to counterattack against the cops and the glass-n-iron symbol of repression with rocks and nautical flares. The clashes initially forced the police forces to retreat and continued until outside the Supreme Court, with smaller blocks breaking up in the side-streets.

Soon after 19:00, under unspecified circumstances, a 100 strong block of protesters was surrounded at the junction of Alexandras avenue and Spyrou Trikoupi street by large riot police forces that immobilised them and brutally detained them. There are reports of people seriously wounded, as well as of two journalists (one working for the French press, and one for the radio-station Kokkino) detained or arrested. The bourgeois media claim that the people detained were unrelated to violence against the police.

Meanwhile protesters that had managed to reach Exarcheia square engaged police blocking the way to the Polytechnic in battle with use of rocks and molotov cocktails, forming barricades. The area is surrounded by police forces and off bounds even for state and bourgeois journalists. At the same time Exarcheia locals have gathered in a demo demanding the immediate retreat of the police from their area. According to the locals the policemen are extremely violent and bear no insignia of identification.

More at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10108>



## Founder of Russia RASH murdered

From AntiFa.Ru

Monday 16th, 26 years old Ivan Khutorskoy aka Vanya-kostolom was shot dead at the entrance of his house. This name is not well-known among general public, but he was a colossal figure among Russian antifascists and left activists. First of all he is known as one of informal leaders of youth antifascist movement, and one of founders of Red and Anarchist SkinHeads – community of skinhead antifascists adhering to left political views. It's obvious to most of his friends that the murder was committed by Russian neo-nazis.

Ivan's initials, photos and home address, like those of many other antifascists, were repeatedly published on nazi-websites in order to call nazi-bastards for his destruction. It was the 4th attempt on Ivan's life. First he was assaulted by nazi in 2005. ... Then attackers waited for Ivan in the entrance of his house, stabbed him in the neck with a screwdriver, and inflicted several blows by a baseball bat – he miraculously survived. The third attack was carried out on January, 2009 – Ivan was stabbed in the stomach during a street fight, this wound was also almost lethal but he survived again. And now, when everything else had failed, Nazis decided to try guns.

He was a kind-hearted and responsive man, always ready to help his friends in any situation. Ivan was an example of indomitable will and courage for all of us. He remained faithful to his convictions till the end. With Ivan, any such claims post-mortem would be a misrepresentation any way around, as every clique and crew in the scene considered him as one of them, and he was respected and loved by absolutely everyone. Ivan considered himself a RASH skinhead, which did not keep apolitical and patriotic Moscow Trojan Skinheads from considering him as one of them. And anarchists of course considered Ivan one of the anarchists, and it is true that Ivan had anti-authoritarian and social positions and was always ready to provide security for anarchists events. But he did not live for activism – he lived for the streets and for the punk rock.

Perpetrators will be prosecuted – we will do all our best for it. Our duty is to continue activities started by him.

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10111>

## 2009 Climate Summit Fears Christiania Squat

From Times UK - by Stefanie Marsh

Less than two weeks before the start of the UN's climate summit in Copenhagen, a counter-cultural enclave in the heart of the capital has again been attracting the attention of the Danish authorities.

Christiania, the sprawling commune that clings limpet-like to 32 hectares of prime property in the centre of Copenhagen, has been an anarchist stronghold and municipal headache ever since a group of squatters seized a former military barracks there in the late 1960s.

Since the squat is technically illegal, by rights this part of Christianshavn should long ago have been converted into apartments. Instead this is where a population of more than 700 bikers, hippies, skaters, drug dealers, artists, anarchists, punks, activists, strays and vagrants live in a kind of organised chaos, pariahs to the Danish People's Party, an increasingly popular and influential far-Right group that says Christiania is dangerous and wants to see it demolished. It is feared that the dilapidated "state within a state" will form a mecca for the thousands of anti-globalisation protesters who are expected to descend on Denmark in the second week of December.

Already nervous about unrest, the Danish Government is rushing new laws through parliament to extend police powers and impose tougher penalties for civil disobedience. Brian Mikkelsen, the Justice Minister, has stated that anybody found to be "inhibiting police work" will be jailed for 40 days rather than fined. The new laws would also allow police the power to detain people for 12 hours even when no crime had been committed, and raise fines for failing to disperse from a demonstration to more than £350. ...

It is an irony that seems to be lost on the Danish police and politicians alike, considering the subject matter of the forthcoming conference: that Christiania has always been at the vanguard of Denmark's environmental movement.

More at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10150>

## Arsonists Target Sex Shops in Thessaloniki

From newsblog.gr - translated by antis

Another sex-shop became a target of arsonists in the early hours today in Thessaloniki. ... From the fire, damages were caused to a parked car also and the fire was extinguished by a taxi driver who was passing by who stopped when he saw the flames getting up. It is the second incendiary device that was put at a sex-shop in the last few days in Thessaloniki.

The problem is everywhere. We are pent when all things next to us are priced even ourselves. Our bodies alone and as carriers of an act are products for consumption. Commercial society is established for good around us. Life wavers between humiliation and degradation. With the diffusive authoritarian notion floating above us, a manager has been invented for pleasure. Capitalism, industry of spectacle, model figuration, subjection of human.

The reproduction of sexism, even if done systematically, seems minor in front of the total sickness of today's society if we think about it. Patriarchy may be a very old and small sample of the authoritarian complex but it hasn't stop playing a role in the formation of the morality of today's authoritarian world.

We targeted the sex-shops in order to reveal the role of the sexual spectacle industry in all the above-mentioned. An industry relatively new but that doesn't differ a lot from the most. With hierarchy and competitiveness, with golden profits and well-paid stars, and on the other hand the well hidden tyranny of coercion. Behind the facades of these shops there is no sexual liberation. Behind those facades what is concentrated is another part of miserable reality; that of pleasure with a price.

More, plus controversy about appropriate targets at  
<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10156>

### Days of Action Against UC/CSU: A Call and a How-To

From <http://theimaginarycommittee.wordpress.com>

University students and workers in California must organize immediately to occupy, blockade and strike on all campuses November 17-19.

We call for a wave of occupations and blockades to bring the university to a halt. The proposed fee hikes of 32 percent, to be ratified November 17-19, are only the latest indication that the California university system is bankrupt. We cannot allow it to continue through the end of the term.

Too many workers have already lost their jobs. The jobs for which our educations supposedly prepare us have already disappeared. We have given our 'representatives' enough time to work out peaceful solutions to these problems, and we see no indication that they have made any progress.

We are not interested in any more tedious conferences or assemblies, which draw out hundreds of people, but only for an endless conversation. We are not interested in more 'symbolic protests', whether walkouts or strikes, insofar as they are pre-announced to end after one or a few days. More meetings and protests will only waste our energies, while the administration continues to implement its plans without hindrance.

A movement of occupations has been building. Multiple occupations broke out in recent weeks at UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkeley, at CSU Fullerton and CSU Fresno. These occupations are part of a worldwide movement, stretching from California to New York, from England to Greece and Austria.

These occupations have proven that we can take action immediately. People are convinced to act not through endless talk, but when they see that others are willing to take risks. It is only when those who have little to lose actually do something that those who have a lot to lose can join them.

These occupations have proven that we can take action without fear. The administration has been so brazen, raising tuition and cutting jobs, only because we let them. In fact, they are the ones who have to fear confrontation, not us. They have done and can do nothing to stop us, but only if we act.

These days of action are a chance for us to expand our movement, for new people to

get involved, for new spaces to be taken and transformed.

PLEASE GO TO The Imaginary Committee site and download 'OCCUPATION: A DO-IT-YOURSELF GUIDE'

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10087>

### Position Statement on Occupation

From The Grey Anarchy Party (GAP)

To be reproduced and distributed widely.

Tactical Recommendations:

I:

Wake up in the morning. We are assuming you wake up, of course. You have to go to class. It is imperative that you do so. The reasons are not important at this point. You will drink a cup of coffee because you need it for some reason. And then you proceed to do something which happened the day before, forever. Your teacher does not know your name. You have strange memories made up of bricks and alcohol and glowing screens. You turn in papers that reflect absolutely nothing about your true beliefs in the world. You turn in papers that are nothing but mental excretions. They are shit.

Somewhere in the future, is a job. You must have this. Everyone you know wants the same thing. A job. They must have this. You believe something about the world, reality, things like that. But when was the last time someone asked you to define those beliefs? Could you define them? Do you have any? No, really, do you even have any? Do you? Are you sure?

If you do have beliefs, they are shit. More than likely, you really don't have any beliefs. When you try to define something real, meaningful, or serious, it all sounds like shit. It is our recommendation that, if you agree with what we have just written, you follow this line of thinking to its fullest bloom. You cannot believe in anything because everything is shit. Can you see your own shit? Do you see it now? The Grey?

Nope, you don't see it. You can't see it. But the Grey Anarchy Party (GAP) can see you.

II:

Keep that in mind as you choose your next step. We are most assuredly watch-

ing you, and you risk immediate expulsion from the GAP with your inaction. So you'd better make a decision quick and take your chance while you still can.

What is there left to consider, really? You see the shit. It's right in front of you.

That's all there is. You don't need to read a French philosopher, or perform another titration, or sit in the library again. You've got what you came for. Real fucking cheap, too. Hell, I'd want my money back at this point.

But they won't give you your money back. Just like you'll never get back the life you paid them to steal.

Although, you have to admit, there's a certain charm to the location. Such a large facility, conducive to people meeting and discussing and schmoozing and fucking. It's just a damn shame that they're making you pay a few thousand more, right?

What have you got to lose if you did whatever the fuck you wanted for a moment? At this point, buddy, you've got nothing to lose. Everything is going down the toilet, all the shit, and you'll go with it if you're not careful. Think about all that money you just spent. Who has it? Go follow it.

Much more at

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10113>

### Students Celebrate the Spreading Occupations

At night on 19 Nov, approximately 75 (non)students from the New School, NYU, CUNY, and other university-factories in NYC marched from Washington to Union Squares and back in a gesture of solidarity with the wave of occupations that has swept the University of California system in response to the 32% tuition hike, budget cuts, and the reproduction of students as consumer-commodities ready to work for spectacle-subjects. The march saw crazy hooligans hanging banners off of buildings; masked rogues scattering trashcans, newspaper boxes and plastic barricades across Fifth Avenue; sexy dancing throughout the streets an attempted occupation of a Parsons art party as well as the good ol' 65 5th ave. Unfortunately, the fun ended when cops managed to pierce the motley mob, arresting two after beating them on the sidewalk. This was caught on film...

The two arrested were taken to the

6th Precinct in the West Village, where much of the crowd ended up at the end of the night, dancing and singing out front, distributing pamphlets and glow sticks, and remaining until the two walked free.

Videos available on youtube...

More at:

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10127>

## Behind the Privatization of UC, the Riot Squads

From Counter Punch - by George Ciccariello-Maher

Berkeley.

This was bound to be a big week in California regardless, as the threat of a 32 percent tuition and fee increase across the University of California system made a crashing entrance into reality with Wednesday's vote by the UC Board of Regents. Perhaps the Regents and UC President Mark Yudof expected that their diversionary tactics—lament the crisis and direct blame to Sacramento's budget cuts—would pay off. But this was not to be.

Aided in no small part by the explosive exposé published by UC Santa Cruz Professor of Political Science Bob Meister, the student, faculty, and workers' movements the length and breadth of the state were no longer willing to accept privatization disguised as crisis-imposed budget cuts. As Meister explained in no uncertain terms, the proposed (and now passed) tuition increase has nothing whatsoever to do with budget cuts, but the cuts merely provided the pretext for a long-planned drive (and Reaganite wet dream) to privatize public education in California once and for all.

Anti-Capital Projects

A statewide day of action on September 24th generated mass walkouts and sporadic occupations, both successful (at UC Santa Cruz) and not (at UC Berkeley). A UC-centric assembly called for a month later yielded mixed results: a plan to build for a March 4th action, but only the vaguest of decisions regarding what such actions would entail. This sporadic guerrilla struggle, however, would yield a full-scale war of maneuver once the stakes of the November 18th UC Regents meeting became clear.

A coalition of organizations at UC Berkeley endorsed a three day strike in which the third day, contingent upon the expected Regents' decision, called simply for "Escalation." On Thursday the 19th, UCLA protestors seized Campbell Hall (now renamed "Carter-Huggins Hall" af-

ter the slain Black Panthers who lost their lives between those very walls in 1969). Across campus, protestors confronted the Regents themselves as they voted for the fee hikes, with the militarized atmosphere sparking first clashes on Wednesday and then a veritable state of siege in Thursday from which the Regents were forced to flee the angry crowds.

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The arriving freshman is treated as a mortgage, and the fees are climbing. She is a future revenue stream, and the bills are growing. She is security for a debt she never chose, and the cost is staggering... No building will be safe from occupation while this is the case. No capital project but the project to end capital.

Much more at

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10138>

## The Necrosocial: Civic Life, Social Death, and UC

From Anti Capital Projects

Occupied UC Berkeley, 18 November 2009  
*Being president of the University of California is like being manager of a cemetery: there are many people under you, but no one is listening.*

UC President Mark Yudof  
*Capital is dead labor which, vampire-like, lives only by sucking living labor.* Karl Marx  
*Politics is death that lives a human life.*

Achille Mbembe

Yes, very much a cemetery. Only here there are no dirges, no prayers, only the repeated testing of our threshold for anxiety, humiliation, and debt. The classroom just like the workplace just like the university just like the state just like the economy manages our social death, translating what we once knew from high school, from work, from our family life into academic parlance, into acceptable forms of social conflict.

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And in this moment of crisis they ask us to twist ourselves in a way that they can hear. Petitions to Sacramento, phone calls to Congressmen—even the chancellor patronizingly congratulates our September 24th student strike, shaping the meaning and the force of the movement as a movement against the policies of Sacramento. He expands his institutional authority to encompass the movement. When students begin to hold libraries over night, beginning to take our first baby step as an autonomous movement he reins us in by ser-

endipitously announcing library money. He manages movement, he kills movement by funneling it into the electoral process. He manages our social death. He looks forward to these battles on his terrain, to eulogize a proposition, to win this or that—he and his look forward to exhausting us.

More at

<http://anarchistnews.org/?q=node/10146>

## The Bricks We Throw Today Will Build the Liberation Schools of Tomorrow

From Indybay - by Three Non-Matriculating Proletarians

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Last week, the actualization of our communal will gave us a new clarity. The usual divisiveness of proprietorship was forcefully challenged; cascades of hidden meaning rush onto rigid notions of possession and our eyes look past surface appearances. So now when asked, "who does the university belong to?" we can't fail to recognize that the college itself was built by labor from generations past, the notebook paper is produced by workers in South America, the campus computers are the output of work in Chinese factories, the food in the student cafe is touched by innumerable hands before it reaches the plates, and all the furniture at UC Berkeley is produced by the incarcerated at San Quentin. Thus the university, its normal operation and existence, ought to be attributed to far more than it regularly is. To claim that the school is ours requires our definition of ownership to not only shatter the repressive myth that the college belongs to the State of California and the Regents but to also extend belonging past national and state borders and throughout time. It's clear, the entire university, for that matter, every university belongs to everyone, employed and unemployed, all students and all workers, to everyone of the global class that produces and reproduces the world as we now know it. The school is ours because it's everyone's and the destruction of the property relation, with all its damaging and limiting consequences, is implicit in the affirmation of this truth. It's our university...

...but, as of now, in its present configuration, who would want something so disgusting as a school?

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